GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF PLACES ASSOCIATED WITH LORD MAHAVIRA
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from various State Governments for development of tourist places associated with Lord Mahavira; and

(b) the funds sanctioned to State Governments on the occasion of 2600 Birth Anniversary of Lord Mahavira as declared by Prime Minister recently?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Proposals have been received from State Governments of Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka for providing financial assistance for development of following places, associated with Lord Mahavira :-

(i) Vaishali (Vasokund), Pawapuri, Lachhuar, Mandar Hill, Kamal Dah (Patna city) and Shwetamber and Digamber Jain Mandirs located at Gonava in Distt. Navada in Bihar.

(ii) Development of an environmental and eco-tourism project called Mahavir Nischal van in Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) Beautification of a Jain Tirth Sthal at Deoria and Shravasti in Uttar Pradesh.

(iv) Conservation of Jain Monuments in Karnataka (No Specific place mentioned).

(b) An amount of Rs. 28.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Orissa State Archaeology, Government of Orissa for construction of Sculpture sheds at four different places, for construction of a mini Site Museum at Chaudwar, in District Cuttack and for construction of Jaina heritage Museum at Pratapnagri, in Cuttack.

In addition, funds amounting to : -

(i) Rs. 10.97 crores have been sanctioned to Archaeological Survey of India for conservation of centrally protected Jain Monuments at 54 sites in Kolkata, Hyderabad, Patna, Vadodara, Bhopal, Jaipur, Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Dharwad, Thrissur and Lucknow Circles.

(ii) Rs. 2264.42 lakhs have been sanctioned to CPWD for developmental works around Jain Tiraths at six places in Madhya Pradesh, ten in Rajasthan, six in Uttar Pradesh, three in Gujarat, two in Bihar and one place each in Punjab, Karnataka and Delhi.